

City of Mesa – 2018 Election

POLITICAL SIGNS

Political signs are allowed to be placed on private property and in the public right-of-way. The following information is intended to serve as a guide to assist you in the proper placement of political signs.

POLITICAL SIGNS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Political signs in the right-of-way are allowed under A.R.S § 16-1019. This statute allows political signs in the right-of-way if all of the following conditions are met:

- ✓ Signs may only be placed 60 days before a primary election and must be removed 15 days after the general election. For those candidates who do not advance to the general election, or those elected at the primary, the signs must be removed 15 days after the primary election.
- ✓ Signs must be placed in a public right-of-way owned or controlled by the City. *(For vehicle and pedestrian safety, the City requires all signs be placed a minimum of 15 feet from the face of the street curb or edge of pavement if there is no curb. All parts of the sign must be 15 feet back.)*
- ✓ Signs may not be placed in a location that is hazardous to public safety, obstructs clear vision in the area or interferes with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- ✓ For property zoned residential, the sign may be a maximum of 16 square feet in sign area.
- ✓ For all other areas, the sign may be a maximum of 32 square feet in sign area.
- ✓ All political signs must contain the name and telephone number or website address of the candidate or campaign committee contact person on the sign.

Please read the entire statute to ensure your signs comply with state law. Additionally, political signs must include paid for and authorized by information pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-925

The location of right-of-way can be obtained at the County Assessor's website (www.maps.mcassessor.maricopa.gov/) and at the City's Development Services Office at 55 N. Center St.

ELECTION DAY SIGNS

On Election Day, political signs are allowed outside of the 75-foot limit at any facility that is used as a polling place. The signs may not impair access to the polling place or to parking spaces for voters.

SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Political signs on private property. In addition to political signs allowed in the right-of-way under A.R.S. § 16-1019, political signs are allowed on private property in accordance with the Mesa City Code.



Political signs must be maintained and repaired if they become damaged. The City will remove any sign that is dangerous, illegal, prohibited or nonconforming.

Installation of any sign is considered excavation under state law and requires that you have underground utilities marked in advance. Before installing any sign on public or private property, please contact Arizona 811 or visit their website

(www.arizona811.com/politicalsigns).

Installing any type of sign without having the utilities marked in advance is a violation of A.R.S. § 40-360.21-32

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